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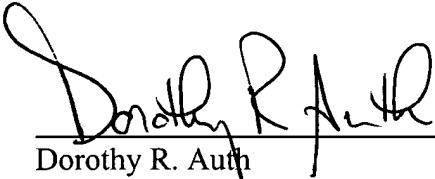
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Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

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**APPENDIX**

1. (amended) . A cylindrical expandable stent comprising:

a first loop containing section arranged in a circumferential direction and defining loops therein occurring at a first frequency;

a second loop containing section arranged in the circumferential direction and defining loops therein occurring at the first frequency;

a third loop containing section disposed in a generally circumferential space between the first loop containing section and the second loop containing section and coupling the first loop containing section to the second loop containing section for defining cells therebetween, the third loop containing section defining loops therein occurring at a second frequency that is greater than the first frequency.